(vii) Withdrawal of false police cases and stoppage of police interference;

(viii) Issue of permanent Ration Cards to all labourers; and

(ix) Regularisation of jhuggi colonies and provision of basic amenities.

The above demands of the Federation are under consideration of the Government.

Ban on trollies at Railway Station

1172. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways imposed ban in 1985 for providing/sanction of additional New stalls and Trollies at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizamuddin Stations to avoid congestion on the platforms;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after this ban, two Nescafe Coffee, Two Rasika Drinks, two H.M.P. Drinks, one MP Milk Products, one Geeta Press and seven departmental catering stalls have been provided at New Delhi Stations under direct orders of Ministry of Railways; and

(c) if so, what is the criteria in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. A ban was imposed on the increase in the number of stalls etc. by the Zonal Railways.

(b) Stalls for milk products, Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited and Geet Press as well as installation of automatic Coffee Vending machines at New Delhi Railway Station were sanctioned by this Ministry and not by the Zonal Railway. Ministry of Railways, however, neither sanctioned any Rasika stall nor did it permit increase in departmental stalls.

(c) These were sanctioned to meet the requirements of the passengers.

Restriction for obtaining Book-stalls

1173. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction to an Association of unemployed graduates (containing 7 to 11 members) for obtaining book-stalls on two or three Zonal Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no such restriction. However, Book-stall contracts are allotted to eligible categories including associations of unemployed graduates on merits subject to an over-all limit of 12 Book-stalls.

Supply of Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express

1174. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board has issued instructions to the Railways for supply of Daily Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express trains to passengers free of charge through Book-stall contractors of the station;

(b) if so, what are the names of the contractors who have been permitted to do so;

(c) what is the critera fixed for payment of Newspapers bills to the contractors; and

(d) whether any amount of Newspaper Bills submitted by the contractors are withheld by the Delhi and Ambala Division, North Railway, for payment if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Instructions were issued to Northern Railway to supply newspapers in Shatabdi Express trains.

(b) (i) M/s. M. S. Pankaj & Co. Book Stall Contractor, New Delhi for Chandigarh and Kanpur Shatabdi Express trains.

(ii) Shri V. K. Wadhwa, Agent, M/s A. H. Wheeler & Co., Jhansi for Bhopal Shatabdi Express train.

(c) Payment is arranged after vetting of the bills by the Associate Accounts.

(d) The newspaper bills were pending for clearance from Associate Accounts on Northern Railway but orders for payment of the bills have since been issued.

Forced Entry by Unauthorised Passengers in Reserved Coaches

1175. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the passengers travelling in the three tier reserved coaches in the Railways are made to suffer, when hundreds of passengers forcefully enter the reserved coaches and snatch the reserved seats of genuine passengers; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Some such cases have been reported.

(b) The following steps are taken:

(i) Surprise checks are conducted with the help of GRP/RPF and unauthorised passengers found travelling in reserved coaches are detrained and fined under the provisions of the Railways Act.

(ii) The fine for travelling unauthorisedly in reserved Compartments under the Railways Act 1989 effective from 1-7-1990 has been enhanced to extend upto Rs. 500/- from Rs. 20/-.

(iii) Disciplinary action against the staff in proved cases of connivance.

देश में वनस्पति की कमी

1176. **श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :**
श्रीमती कैलाशपति :

क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 जुलाई, 1990 के "हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में "कॉशन अहेन्ड वनस्पति शार्टेज" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या देश के वनस्पति निर्माताओं ने वनस्पति के उत्पादन में आने वाली दिक्कतों के बारे में सरकार को अवगत कराया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस वर्ष जून, 1990 तक वनस्पति का उत्पादन गत वर्ष की इसी अवधि की अपेक्षा कम हुआ है और जिसके फलस्वरूप वनस्पति के दामों में वृद्धि हो गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या विशेष उपाय किये जा रहे हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम पूजन पटेल) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) वनस्पति घी के विनिर्माताओं से आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं जो उनके द्वारा वनस्पति घी के विनिर्माण के लिए अनुमति प्राप्त तेलों की उपलब्धता में कमी, टिन प्लेटों आदि की उपलब्धता में कमी के कारण हुई कठिनाइयों का सामना करने के बारे में है। सुझाव दिए गए हैं कि वनस्पति में एक्सपेलर सरसों के तेल का प्रयोग जारी रखा जाए तथा तेलों के अपरम्परागत स्रोतों के पूरे उपयोग के लिए उदार वित्तीय प्रोत्साहन दिया जाए।